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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 4-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-2, 4-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 1.02(e) as being anticipated by Dougli^s et al, Pub. No. US 2005/0108075 A1.

3. Claims 1, 9, 11-16, Dougli^s teaches a performance controller [*power aware monitor 310 of Fig. 3*] comprising:

a performance scheduler [*performance profiles 312 of Fig. 3*] that creates a performance schedule [*build profiles of resource consumption, see abstract*] showing a plurality of performance levels of an electronic device [*paragraph 0053, lines 13-18*], based on a charge level of a battery used in the electronic device [*paragraph 0035, lines 4-7*] and a table of times at which application programs are executed in the electronic device [*paragraph 0053, lines 14-17*]; and

a mode controller that sets operation modes of components of the electronic device based on the performance schedule [*paragraph 0050*].

4. Claims 2, 10, Dougli^s teaches the performance scheduler further creates a charge level schedule showing change in the charge level [*predictions of battery of remaining battery lifetime,*

see paragraph 35, lines 5-6]; and the mode controller sets the operation modes based on a comparison of an actual charge level of the battery with the charge level schedule [*the power aware monitor influences a policy decision based on the battery state and predictions of battery of remaining battery lifetime, see paragraph 35, lines 4--7*].

5. Claim 4, Dougkis teaches the table is an application schedule showing application programs that are registered in a timetable, and the timetable is recorded in the electronic device by a user of the electronic device [*paragraph 67, lines 16-19, see also paragraph 50*].

6. Claim 5, Dougkis teaches the application programs are classified into a plurality of categories based on load required for executing the application programs [*permitted applications, banned applications, see paragraphs 0056, 0057*], and the performance scheduler determines the application schedule by estimating the application program's from names of the categories that are registered in the timetable [*paragraphs 0055, 0056*].

7. Claim 6, Dougkis teaches 6 the performance scheduler estimates power consumption of the electronic device based on the table, and notifies a warning to a user of the electronic device when the power consumption is larger than an actual charge level of the battery [*Fig. 4B, see also paragraph 0053*].

8. Claim 7, Dougkis teaches the mode controller notifies a warning to a user of the electronic device when an application program that requires load higher than the application programs recorded in the table is executed [*Fig. 4B, see also paragraph 0053*].

9. Claim 8, Dougkis teaches the mode controller changes the performance schedule so that power consumption of the electronic device decreases, when the actual charge level is less than a corresponding charge level in the charge level schedule [*paragraph 0053*].

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant cannot rely upon the foreign priority papers to overcome this rejection because a translation of said papers has not been made of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55. See MPEP § 201.15.

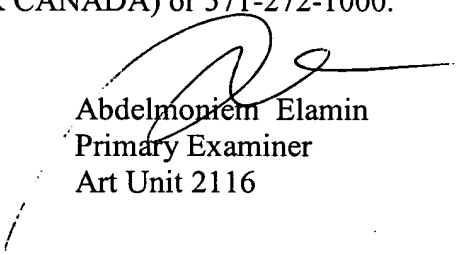
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdelmoniem Elamin whose telephone number is 571-2727-3674. The examiner can normally be reached on MON - THUR 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rehana Prveen can be reached on 571-272-3676. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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